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SUBJECT: GUINEA-IVORY COAST-SENEGAL RAPPROCHEMENT

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1. SEVERAL SENIOR GOG SOURCES CONFIRM THAT PRIME
MINISTER BEAVOGUI'S MISSION TO MONROVIA (REFTEL) WAS
MEANT TO ARRANGE FOR PRESIDENT TOLBERT TO ACT AS INTER-
MEDIARY IN SUBJECT RAPPROCHEMENT. IVORY COAST'S VICE-
PRESIDENT DENISE REPORTEDLY WAS IN MONROVIA AT SAME
TIME AS BEAVOGUI BUT TWO APPARENTLY DID NOT MEET
DIRECTLY. BEAVOGUI HAS CONFIRMED TO WESTERN DIPLOMAT
THAT POLITBUREAU MEMBERS ISMAEL TOURE AND MOUSSA
DIAKITE ACCOMPANIED HIM. UNCONFIRMED RUMORS INDI-
CATES THAT A GUINEAN EMISSARY MAY ALSO HAVE TRAVELED
TO GAMBIA WITHIN LAST TEN DAYS, POSSIBLY TO SET UP
SIMILAR INTERMEDIARY ROLE FOR GAMBIAN HEAD OF STATE
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VIS-A-VIS SENEGAL. KNOWLEDGEABLE AFRICAN DIPLOMATS
HERE ARE PERSUADED THAT GUINEA IS AIMING AT NOTHING
LESS THAN EVENTUAL SUMMIT, PROBABLY AT MONROVIA, TO
SET SEAL ON RAPPROCHEMENT.

2. MEANWHILE, MOUSSA DIAKITE EXPLAINED TO AMBASSADOR

JANUARY 19 THAT SEKOU TOURE'S AMNESTY OF ALL GUINEAN EXILES IN JULY 1977 HAD CLEARED WAY FOR LATER INITIATIVE. BEFORE, MAIN STUMBLING BLOCK WAS TOURE'S INSISTENCE THAT HOUPHOUET AND SENGHOR HAND OVER CERTAIN OPPOSITIONIST EXILES. NOW, BECAUSE EXILES HAVE BEEN PAR-
DONED, THERE IS NO LONGER ANY "PRELABLE" TO BETTER RELATIONS, DIAKITE SAID.

3. GOG SPORTS MINISTER TOLD DCM JANUARY 21 THAT, FOLLOWING SEKOU TOURE'S DISPATCH OF YOUTH DELEGATION TO DAKAR AND ABIDJAN, SENEGAL HAD AGREED IN PRINCIPLE TO TRIANGULAR "FRIENDSHIP" SPORTS TOURNEY BUT NO DATES ARE YET AGREED; IVORY COAST HAS NOT YET AGREED. DELEGATION MADE REPORT TO CENTRAL COMMITTEE, WHICH ORDERED GOG OFFICIALS TO TAKE FURTHER MEASURES TO IMPLEMENT RECONCILIATION-THROUGH-SPORT.
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